

# **TOWN OF IPSWICH WATER & SEWER RATES**

## **WATER RATE**

Non-residential water rate (Base Rate): \$8.01 per 100 cubic feet (Effective May 1, 2015)

Residential water rate (Seasonal Rate):

Summer (May 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015): \$12.02 per 100 cubic feet

Winter (Oct 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015): \$3.45 per 100 cubic feet

### **More on the Seasonal Water Rate:**

The Ipswich Water Department established a seasonal rate structure in 2003. The goal of the structure is to manage summer water demand while remaining revenue neutral. With this structure, residential customers have their water rate increase 1.5 times the base (non-residential) rate between May and November of each year. During the winter months the rate drops below the base rate by a factor that is determined at the end of each summer. This rate drop is key to the revenue neutral portion of the structure. Residential customers with consistent annual usage will pay no more each year than they would with the year-round base rate.

### **Why only the residential customers.....**

The residential customer class accounts for approximately 80% of all water used in Ipswich and has historically shown a dramatic increase in usage during the summer months.

### **Results.....**

Prior to 2003 the average summer demand was 257 million gallons. Since the rate structure was adopted, the summer demand has averaged 220 million gallons. That is a 14% reduction of the water pumped during the months the higher rate is in effect.

## **SEWER RATE**

Sewer Rate: \$7.06 per 100 cubic feet of metered water usage (Effective May 1, 2015)

## **SEPTAGE RATE**

Rate charged to septage haulers who discharge at the Ipswich Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In-Town Septage: \$0.06/gallon increased to \$0.063/gallon – Effective May 1, 2014

Out-of-Town Septage: \$0.067/gallon increased to \$0.070/gallon – Effective May 1, 2014